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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA: CONCLUSION OF WALDHEIM VISIT TO MADRID

REF: A. MADRID 4074 B. MADRID 4122

1. MFA CHIEF OF UN AFFAIRS TOLD EMBOFF JUNE 16 THAT WALDHEIM VISIT TO MADRID, JUNE 11-13, WHICH HAD ORIGINALLY BEEN SCHEDULED TWO YEARS AGO AS ROUTINE VISIT WITHOUT SPECIAL AGENDA, ENDED UP BY TAKING ON CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE BECAUSE OF SAHARA SITUATION. GOS WAS ABLE TO PROVIDE UNSYG WITH UP-TO-DATE UNDERSTANDING OF SPANISH POLICY SET FORTH IN GOS LETTER OF MAY 23 TO WALDHEIM.

2. ACCORDING TO MFA OFFICIAL, UNSYG TOLD SPANISH LEADERS (FRANCO, ARIAS, PRINCE JUAN CARLOS, FONMIN CORTINA) THAT HE COULD DO VERY LITTLE TOWARDS RESOLUTION OF SAHARAN ISSUE UNTIL ICJ HAD SUBMITTED ADVISORY OPINION AND VISITING MISSION OF UN COMMITTEE OF 24 HAD SUBMITTED ITS REPORT. AT SAME TIME, WALDHEIM SAID THAT HE WOULD DO
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WHAT HE COULD TO PROMOTE TALKS AMONG FOUR INTERESTED

PARTIES AS PROPOSED BY GOS AS MEANS OF MOVING THINGS
TOWARDS A SOLUTION SATISFACTORY TO ALL. (MFA OFFICIAL
SAID MAIN STUMBLING BLOCK TO HOLDING OF THESE TALKS WAS
MOROCCAN CONDITIONAL RESPONSE.

3. WALDHEIM TOLD GOS THAT ON OTHER PROPOSAL CONTAINED
IN LETTER DATED MAY 23 -- DESPATCH OF UN OBSERVERS TO
SAHARA TO REPORT ON INCIDENTS IN AREA -- HE HAD TO AWAIT
ICJ ADVISORY OPINION AND REPORT OF COMMITTEE OF 24 MISSION
BEFORE HE COULD CONSIDER SENDING CIVILIAN OBSERVERS FROM
UN SECRETARIAT. ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL OF PRESIDENCY,
WALDHEIM WAS SYMPATHETIC TO IDEA OF SOME UN ROLE IN KEEPING
PEACE IN SAHARA AND EXPRESSED HOPE THAT SPANISH WOULD NOT
ENDANGER PEACE BY ABRUPT WITHDRAWAL BEFORE ALTERNA-
TIVE ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE.
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